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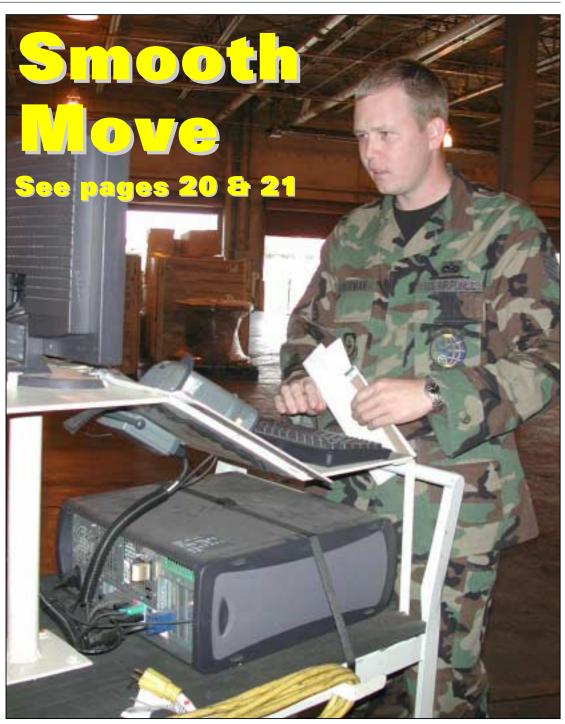
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# Words from the top...

# Team Travis at the top of its game

Col. Michael Sevier 60th AMW vice commander

While Brig. Gen. Baker is attending Capstone, I will take this great opportunity to communicate to you - the Air Force's best air mobility team via the Tailwind some impor-

## Inspection postponed

Congratulations to every team Travis member both in and out of uniform. You are at the top of your profession answering the demands our service and nation calls you to do.

This has been noticed at the highest levels of our govern-ment. Recently, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Norman Y. Maneta transited through Travis, and he commended you for your role in this new era.

Your great work in the war against terrorism is one of the major reasons why the Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection, originally scheduled for next week, has been postponed.

I still want to encourage everyone to remain vigilant and ready. Keep immunizations and emergency data cards up to date, check your gear routinely for fitting and inspection compliance and ensure Unit Deploy ment Managers have updated their files to reflect your readi-

In addition to the many real world operations we have ongoing, we'll continue to have periodic exercises to ensure we are ready to meet any challenge, from the war on terrorism to responding to a natural disas-

## Travis' funding received

Here's some more great news for Travis, but I need your patience. Travis received more than \$31 million for many base improvements to include roads. parking lots, facilities, water mains, fuel tanks, and many other elements basewide. Most of this money has to be used within a certain amount of time, so many projects will be occurring concurrently.

Some of this work will inconvenience many of us, but Travis will be much better place to work and live when the work is completed. In particular, the inbound lanes at the main gate will close for about a month beginning Oct. 21.

This is a part of a year long project to improve Travis Blvd. While the inbound lanes are closed, traffic will be diverted



U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Maneta visited with Col. Michael Sevier, 60th Air Mobility Wing vice commander, briefly Oct. 4 en route to Washington D.C.

through the medical center gate. Plan according and allow vourself a little extra time to get on base.

There are many team Travis pros who worked long and hard to allow us to get those funds. Room does not permit me to list them all, but the superstars in C.E., contracting and comptroller truly deserve much of the credit. Not it's up to the rest of us to be patient and allow the many funded projects to be completed. We will be putting updates in the Tailwind so you can stay on top of new traffic flows, etc.

## Refocus and holiday break

I know there are many sacrifices you and your families make daily to ensure our success.

Long work days and deploy ments are the norm ... and your commitment to doing your job well despite many stressors is a testament to your professional-

To acknowledge everyone's efforts, we've declared today wing "focus day." This isn't a day off or a down day, but it is a day to focus within our units, to have some time dedicated for team building and taking care of people. And speaking of peo-ple, take time to thank those around you as well as those that help us every day like the security forces, chaplains, fire response members and others. They are there 24 hours a day serving us and should not be

It's important to have this "group maintenance" time because we're in a new era where 'teammanship' is more critical to ensuring safe opera-tions at home and abroad.

This is a great opportunity to increase unit camaraderie .. and is a nice lead into a threeday, holiday weekend. I hope you have a super and safe holiday. Whatever you do please be safe, because each and every one of you are an important member of team Travis.

## **Tailwind**

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## Space "A" access

I'm trying to get on the Space "A" list at the Travis Passenger Terminal. I was able to get access to the web site, and pull up

a form, but I cannot send it like the instructions at the bottom. I talked to the people at the PAX terminal. The sergeant told me that the Email system only works about five percent of the

time. I'm very disappointed, and feel like there needs to be some modifications, repairs or changes made so people like me can access the Space "A" system without having to print out a Space "A" sign up form and fax it to Travis.

Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. After some research, it was discovered that the URL to which requests were previously routed was deactivated due to security concerns. Thus, Travis' public web site will not allow AMC customers to send their spaceavailable requests/sign-ups as advertised. The Aerial Port Squadron, along with other responsible agencies will correct this problem by Oct. 15. In the interim, please e-mail Space-A requests to 60aps.spacea @travis.af.mil. Again, thank you for identifying this problem.

## Contacting Pass & ID

I have been attempting to get a vehicle decal for the last couple of weeks. The first time I came to Travis, it turned out to be a down day. The phone message at the Pass and Registration office did not identify this. There is no way to talk to an actual human being, if you select items on the menu. If you could suggest how I can contact human beings in [that office] in the future, and also if there is a way to make sure that pass and registration number will roll over to [a person].



Thanks for your call. We have been aggressively working on a phone system improve ment that will correct the issue identified. In the interim, please call 424-3770 to reach a Pass and Registration clerk who will be happy to assist you. We want to ensure you have a positive cus-

tomer experience at any location on Travis.



**ON THE COVER:** Staff

Sgt. Geoffrey Schurman, 60th Aerial Port Squadron, tests the signal strength between the MICI and an overhead anten-

# **Idea pays off for Travis mechanic**

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo 60th AMW Public Affairs

Merle Baker, a structural maintenance mechanic with the 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron here, never imagined a simple suggestion would materialize into a \$9 576 check. Yet that's what happened when Baker submitted an idea through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program. The IDEA program, which is managed through the base manpower and organization office, awards monetary or non-monetary incentives to Department of Defense employees who submit cost-cutting suggestions that improve Air Force effectiveness and efficiency.

"My idea was a no-brainer," Baker said. "There was no engineering or design involved. I just paid attention to the cost of the parts and noticed a duplication, which was wasting a lot of money"

a lot of money."

While working in flightline dispatch, Baker was helping modify the flight deck compartment door on KC-10s by utilizing a pre-assembled kit provided by a commercial vendor. The kit included a collection of parts and instructions, which were sent to Travis and

McGuire Air Force Bases to modify every KC-10 at each base.

"The first time I assembled the kit, I noticed a problem because I had two pieces left over," Baker said. "I double-checked everything, and I thought it was a one-time mistake. I did it a second time, and I noticed the duplication again. I pointed the problem out to my supervisor and that's what got the ball rolling."

Due to a typographical error, the vendor mistakenly included two extra parts with every kit. Since each part cost \$541.88, the Air Force was overcharged \$1,083.76 for each kit. Additionally, since 59 KC-10s were scheduled for modification, the Air Force was overcharged \$63,941.84 in total for the two extra parts.

"I think the money could have been spent more effectively to support our efforts abroad. I talked to a friend about the kit, and he told me to submit the idea to the suggestions program," Baker said.

With the help of Suzanne Rosellini, Travis IDEA program manager, Baker put together the paperwork that pointed out the duplication of the parts and the error made by the vendor. After several months of pro-



1st Lt. Angela Arredondo / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Merle Baker, a structural maintenance mechanic here, received a reward of \$9,576 from the IDEA program recently. Baker noticed a KC- 10 door modification kit contained two extra pieces, costing the Air Force more money than required.

cessing. Baker finally received a \$9,576 monetary award from the IDEA program. He plans on using the extra money for investments, around his house and a portion will go toward some of the people who helped him with the idea.

"I can't say enough about Suzanne," Baker said. "She is a real sweetheart. She was just as diligent as I was and she really cared. She was also very patient through the long process. She treats each suggestion like it's her own."

Baker is among a few pioneering Travis members who have received large monetary incentives through the IDEA program this fiscal year. Two other Travis members earned \$10,000 checks and another received a reward for \$8,060. \$10,000 is the maximum reward a person can receive through the IDEA program.

"Keep your eyes open so when you see something like this you can stop unnecessary spending," Baker advises.
"Even an opportunity to look at a parts list can save the Air Force some money. People need to pay attention and take the time and make the effort because the payoff can be worth it."

For more information about the IDEA program, go to https://ideas.randolph.af.mil or call Suzanne Rosellini, Travis IDEA program manager, at 424-1583 or Tech. Sgt. Tammy Shumate at 424-1569.

## CJCS reflects on anniversary of Operation Enduring Freedom

By Gen. Richard Myers

Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staf

This week, we marked the first anniversary of the start of our combat operations against terrorism. The foundation for our success is no secret. The credit belongs to you who serve as part of our armed forces: our sailors, soldiers, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, DoD civilians and our military families.

Over the past year, I've visited hundreds of you overseas and around the United States. You are dedicated and determined. You have left your homes, your families and, in the case of our Guard and Reserve personnel, you left your jobs. Your service is an example of selflessness and sacrifice.

Those of you that I've met are no different from the hundreds of thousands of others nobly serving — at home and abroad. All are doing the extraordinary.

Over this past year, our Nation's armed forces have achieved a significant measure of success in the War on Terrorism. A year ago at this time, few predicted the speed or the effectiveness with which we would eliminate the major terrorist haven in Afghanistan. It was a land-locked country. We had no military bases in the vicinity. We had no major

war plan to remove the Taliban from power.

Then, twenty-seven days after the terrorists struck our nation, this joint team unleashed a powerful and lethal campaign. Two months later, our men and women, in concert with our allies and friends, freed Afghanistan. With the help of the international community, we also helped avert a massive famine.

This campaign has been one for

This campaign has been one for the record books. It included the deepest amphibious operation in our Marine Corps history — more than 400 miles into hostile territory. It included the highest elevation that our soldiers fought a pitched battle — at 10,000 feet above sea level. It included the longest combat sortie on record for our Air Force — 44 hours in length. Most significant of all, it entailed the fewest war-com-

nation and the fewest war-combatant injuries and the least collateral damage of any major military operation in history.

It was the first time we employed the

C-17 in a medium threat environment to airdrop supplies. It was the first time we shared simultaneously a video picture from an unmanned aerial vehicle with the headquarters and the aircrew over the target. No other nation can operate such advanced technology as our armed forces.

While these examples reflect how technology has changed, the most important factor remains the incredible talent and dedication of our men and women in uniform. You who serve — your adaptability and agility, your courage and character, your discipline and determination, are legendary.

You tackle unpredictable challenges in innovative ways. You make things happen in a dynamic environment. Many of you are 19 and 20 years old. Yet you display the maturity and competence usually associated with much more seasoned troops. You're the driving force in our

Our families serve superbly. They provide incredible strength for us all. They endure with patience and grace through extended hours and long periods of separation. Our families deserve our deepest gratitude.

In this war on terrorism, there is more ahead of us than behind us. Three things remain constant.

First, the survival of our nation, our liberties and our way of life will continue to be at risk. Second, our nation will continue to call upon your talents and professionalism. Third, I am confident that you are up to the task. You'll respond as our Armed Forces always have, with courage honor and sarrifice

courage, honor and sacrifice.

I am privileged to serve with you.
May God bless you and your families.
And may God bless America.

## **NEWS NOTES**

### Command chief retirement

A retirement ceremony honoring the 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Dan Johnson, is scheduled for Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. at the Base Flagpole. Retired Brig. Gen. Steven Roser and Col. David Lefforge, former 60th AMW commander, will officiate the ceremony. A retirement dinner for the Johnson family is scheduled for Oct. 24 at the Delta Breeze Club beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sylvia Crowder at 424-8115.

## Travis Air Museum

The Museum is available free of charge to host retirements, reenlistments, birthday parties, Thanksgiving parties, Christmas parties and unit functions. Call 424-5605 or visit https://www.travis.af.mil/ museum for

## Tuskegee Airmen ball

The Lee A. Archer Jr. chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., is holding its Fall Ball at the Travis Delta Breeze Club Oct. 19 Ball at the Iravis Delta Breeze Club Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. The event includes dinner and dance. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Daniel James III, Director of the Air National Guard and son of the late Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. The theme for this year's event is, "Living the Legacy, Creating Opportunities." Dress for the evening will be mess dress semi-formal uniform, tuxedo or cost and tio formul dress. The departing or coat and tie, formal dress. The donation is \$30. For tickets and information, contact Gladys Towne at 423-7166, Master Sgt. Edward Hutchison at 424-7189 or Howard

## Scholarship opportunities

On Sept. 15, the Federal Children's Scholarship Fund a non-profit organization, announced a new program that allows every member of the military to obtain a college degree in business administration thanks to a new program from Grantham University, a

fully accredited university.
Grantham University is offering an unlimited number of scholarships to all of the nation's uniformed services members. The scholarship includes tuition, books and software. The scholarship program from Grantham University covers those expenses the military student normally would have to

For more information on Grantham's military scholarship program and to download an application just go to http://www.gr antham.edu/fed/bus.htm or call (800) 955-

## Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with diverse aspects of event planning for the upcoming Doolittle Raiders reunion. Military personnel, dependents, and their friends in either military or civilian communities are urged to call Cathleen Handlin, the project manager, for a list of volunteer positions available. Volunteers will receive letters and certificates of appreciation and commendation Volunteers will be able to select their area of involvement. Call 424-4670 or e-mail Doolittlemuseum@aol.com.

# Travis wins big in infrastructure upgrades

By Capt. Michele Tasista 60th AMW Public Affairs

Team Travis reaped big rewards at the end of fiscal year 2002, receiving more than \$31 million for base infrastructure upgrades and new construction projects that will bolster Travis' operational viability in upcoming years.

These improvements range from the construction of new facilities and the repavement of roads, to the repair of buildings, water mains and lines. Two of the facilities, planned for construction this year, include new work centers for the Radar Approach Control team and Band of the Golden

## **RAPCON**

The Radar Approach Control team, responsible for tracking airborne military, commuter and other aircraft activity beyond a five mile radius within the vicinity of the Travis community, is thrilled about the construction of a new RAPCON facility, according to Master Sgt. Peter Guimond, deputy chief controller.

The present facility, located some distance from the Air Control Tower on Perimeter Rd., is equipped with "1950s-1960s technology." The new building, estimated at \$ 3.35 million, will be "state of the art," according to Guimond. It'll be equipped with an inter-connected, more automated computer system, in sync with those used by technicians at the newly constructed Northern California Tower and Radar Approach Control.

The building will be constructed adjacent to Travis' Air Control Tower. This location will provide the team opportunity for dual qualification in addition to greater access to the air-field commander and support functions. It's scheduled to be constructed by Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company. with an estimated completion in April 2004.

RA Burch Construction Co will begin work on the



The inbound lanes of Travis' Main Gate will be closed for repaving Oct. 21 through Dec. 1. The work will include new force protection barricades.

\$5.4 million band center this month, with an estimated completion in October 2003.

## The Band of the Golden West

The Band of the Golden West is equally enthused about the prospects of their new facility, a project that has been in the works for five years, according to Capt. Doug Monroe, squadron commander.

This will be the first facility ever built with military construction funds specifically for use by an Air Force band, according to Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Kistler, regional band manager, who further notes the move will be a vast improvement from the band's present work environment at Bldg. 112, which he described as a "converted" building.

While the new work center will provide more than enough space for the band's expanded staff, which was recently "plussed up to 60 positions," according to Monroe, the real bottom line is the better acoustics the rehearsal rooms will

"We're really looking forward to having a world class rehearsal facility. It's important because we need to have rooms big enough that have the correct acoustic properties, so

when we rehearse, we can hear each other in the band, so we can play our best. That is a better representation of what we're going to hear when we give a concert," Kistler said.

There were many who made the new facility a reality. According to both Monroe and Kistler, "We're very thankful for the help we received from military and civilian band support ers in the Travis regional community," stated Mon-

## Main Gate closure

The most visible project to begin soon is the repair work on Travis Blvd.. which is outlined in a seven- phase plan, and is scheduled to start Oct. 21 with completion in September 2003, according to Lt. Col. Patrick Smith, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

The work will include repayement of the road. installation of cameras at signal lights, new force protection barricades at the main gate, new sidewalks. and a new traffic light at the Delta Breeze Club and Fitness Center intersection. According to Smith, "Travis will have a brand new road from the main gate to building 381.

The first phase of this work is scheduled to begin

Oct. 21, from the main gate property line to Ragsdale St. It'll involve the closure of the inbound lanes at the main gate for approximately 34 days, with incoming traffic diverted to the David Grant Medical Cen-

The visitor's center will be moved into a trailer and will be located near the outbound lanes of the David Grant Medical Center. The main gate out-bound lanes will remain open.

Phase two, scheduled next spring, will also include the main gate area; however, the inbound lanes will be open, while the outbound lanes will be closed. Outbound traffic will be diverted to the David Grant Medical Center gate.

## Parking lots, upgrades

These upgrades may cause some inconveniences for motorists driving Travis Blvd, Tacamo Rd., or for those who frequent the parking lots at buildings 51, 50, 3, 406-410, 570, and 863

The benefits of these upgrades will far outweigh any potential delays, according to Smith. "The new roads will help reduce wear and tear on our personal vehicles, and make driving on base not only more pleasant but also safer.

Other repairs and improvements include fixing water mains and lines, other infrastructure support elements, which "will improve the quality of our drinking water and save up to \$100K annually in wastewater discharge costs by eliminating groundwa-ter infiltration," he states.

"Many of these projects and repairs have been needed for years. In many cases, the repairs will fix systems that were installed when the base was first built. Air Mobility Command identified Travis as having the worst infrastructure in the command, and these projects help address some of the biggest areas of concern.

# Something else to cook up in the kitchen — fire safety

By Peter Dolan

Travis Fire Department, fire chief

She was making french fries in a fryer in the kitchen when the children first began to fuss in the living room. Then the dog started barking and the phone rang. Within seconds, mom would serve as onthe-spot referee — dog handler and phone answerer. In the minute she was distracted from her work in the kitchen, hot grease ignited a potholder that was hurriedly thrown next to the fryer. The fire spread through the kitchen before she could return.

Luckily, everyone escaped and firefighters put the fire out, but the house suffered extensive damage. The kind of fire this family experienced is one of the leading causes of home fires in the U.S. The National Fire Protection Association, the international nonprofit fire, building and life safety advocate, reported that in 1998, 94,000 cooking fires were reported in the U.S. At Travis, cooking fires have caused more than \$30,000 in damage this year alone.

While the national figure for cooking fires is alarming, NFPA reports this is the lowest total in the 19 years it has studied cooking fires. Hundreds die in cooking fires and injuries are estimated at almost 4,700 annually, but keep in mind that an estimated 640,000 or more injuries and illnesses a year, including headaches and dizziness, are the result of cooking fires that are not reported to fire departments.

Unattended cooking is by far the leading cause of home cooking equipment fires and associated losses. Other human errors, such as lack of maintenance, allowing grease to build up, failing to turn off the equipment and placing combustibles too close to heat sources also play roles in these fires.

To make your kitchen safer, supervise cooking closely, and clean cooking equipment so that food items like grease don't start fires. Make sure combustibles, like potholders and rags, are kept away from cooking surfaces, and avoid wearing loose-fitting clothing that might easily catch on fire. Keep pot handles turned inward to avoid spills and possible scalds, and keep children and pets away from cooking areas.

If there's a stovetop grease fire, don't use a fire extinguisher, that can splatter the grease and spread the fire. Instead, smother the fire by carefully sliding a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and wait till the pan completely cools before lifting it. If a fire starts in your microwave, keep the door closed and unplug the appliance.

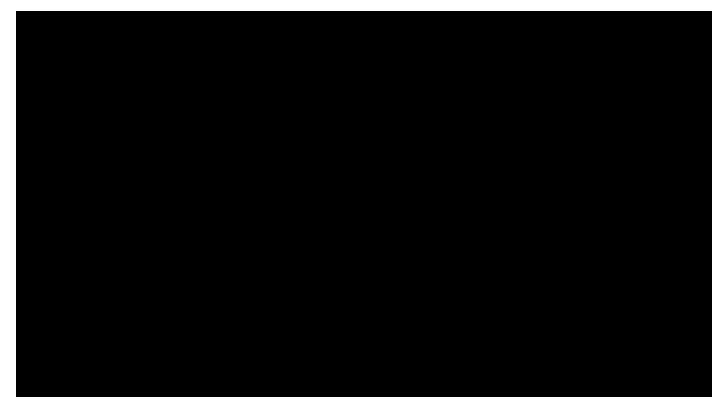
Outdoor deep fat fryers and smokers are increasing in popularity. Just because they are outside of the home, however, doesn't mean the same rules don't apply. These units should never be left unattended and children should never be allowed around them when they are on. Be sure to keep all combustibles and flammables at least 10 feet away and always follow manufacturers recommendations for operating these units.

People should not cook if they're sleepy, have been drinking alcohol excessively, or taking medication that makes them drowsy. For more information on fire safety, download the free fact sheets from NFPA's Web site at www.nfpa.org, or the Travis FD Web Site at https://w3.travis.af.mil/60ces/fire/default.htm.



Courtesy photo

The damage above was caused when hot grease ignited a potholder hurriedly thrown next to the fryer. At Travis, cooking fires have caused more than \$30,000 dollars in damage this year alone.



## The 60th Medical Surgical Operations Squadron

## TRÅVIS AIR FORCE BASE

## **Acting Commander** Lt Col Dianne Harris

#### Superintendent: Chief David Gillespie

#### Mission overview:

The 60th Medical Surgical Operations Squadron of 389 people delivers surgical, obstetrical and gynecological, physical and occupational therapy at David Grant Medical Center and supports the DoD/VA Joint Venture.

#### Capabilities and Recent significant events:

The surgeons and therapists of the 60th MSOS ensure an outstanding level of care to Travis beneficiaries. This team employs a variety of surgical and related medical procedures, using state of the art medical technology in a world-class medical facility. This team is engaged in many ongoing research projects, adding to the body of medical literature, particularly through the

publication of research papers in leading national medical journals. This has included an investigative report on synthetic substitutes for human veins in bypass surgery. In addition to providing medical support to the members at Travis, many of the squadron's surgeons and anesthetists have supported troops abroad during deployments to high-risk areas worldwide.

There have been many technological upgrades within the squadron. The Anesthesia Element recently completed a \$500,000 project, replacing all anesthesia machines and monitors used during surgical procedures.

The Urology Element just added a

state of the art Holmium laser to help break up kidney stones without invasive surgery. In addition, the Ophthalmology Element opened its \$1.5 mil-

Warfighter Refractive Laser Center that provides laser corrective surgery for active duty members in order to reduce or eliminate their need for

glasses. On the horizon, the Labor and Delivery ward will undergo a major renovation that will include the construction of all new birthing suites for our military members and their families that will be much like delivering in a home environment.

## Unit recognition:

Air Force Designated Center of Excellence for Aortic and Carotid Surgery and Adrenal

and Pancreatic surgery.
Top AMC General Surgery flight for Sprint 2002

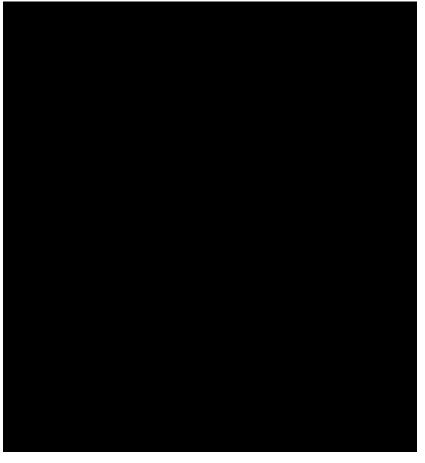
## Individual recognition:

Air Mobility Command Occupational Therapist Apprentice of the Year - Senior Airman Ann Brown

AMC Occupational Company Grade Officer of the Year Capt Gayle Riley-Miravite







# **CMSAF: 'Quality** of life a priority'

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

WASHINGTON - As the backbone of the world's premier air and space force, the Air Force's enlisted corps deserves a quality of life unmatched by any military organization in the world, according to the service's top enlisted airman.

Providing that quality of life. said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray, requires more than just building bigger homes and procuring better benefits. It means giving them sound leadership, a good organization and a good "team" atmosphere.

"The Air Force is a people-oriented force, and we will always do our best to provide our great men and women with these things," said Murray, who became the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force on July 1, succeeding CMSAF Jim

Perhaps now more than ever, he said, recruiting and retaining the Air Force's enlisted force is critical and is the reason why improving their quality of life is important as well.

A native of Boiling Springs, N.C., Murray believes it is only fair to provide these dedicated airmen with quality workplaces and housing, more educational opportunities and better pay and compensation. Fortunately, he added, many of those things are on track in the near future. But more is needed.

"It appears that the fiscal 2003 budget will give us a good pay raise, but we're still seeking another targeted raise in fiscal 2004," he said. "Pay for our junior enlisted is very comparable with those of similar experience and training in the civilian sector but lags behind in our senior (noncommissioned officer) grades. The targeted raise emphasizes increased education, experience and, most importantly, leadership of our NCO corps.

This education, experience and leadership has made the Air Force NCO corps the best in the world and is vital because today's NCOs must train and supervise airmen in their technical areas to become mission proficient, and prepare them to lead the force in the future, Murray said.

"Our junior NCOs are the front-line supervisors, and they must have their attention focused on leading the force," he said. "We all have aspirations to move up in rank and status, but our focus should be projected downward. Our priority should be on improving our skills and becoming better leaders for those entrusted to us.

Murray said he would like to see enlisted professional military education focus more on the service's core competencies combat readiness and other military aspects of leadership.

"Sometimes we over-emphasize the academic portion of PME when we really need to prepare better combat leaders," he said. "Don't get me wrong, our professional military education and NCO corps are the best in the world, but we can always strive to be better."

That attitude is the basis of transformation and why the Air Force implemented the air and space expeditionary force construct. He said increasing understanding and awareness among airmen of the AEF mindset and how it is designed to improve their quality of life is



Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray answers questions during an interview session with Air Force Print News in his Pentagon office recently. Murray believes the Air Force's enlisted corps deserves a quality of life unmatched by any military organization in the world.

critical

"Air Force leaders are committed to the AEF cycle of 90day deployments every 15 months," he said. "It's a promise we've made and we're working to keep it."

Getting the AEF mind-set established among "bluesuiters" should be a simple matter, he said. After all, everything the Air Force does is cyclical.

"For years, the Air Force has operated on an annual cycle for everything from aerobic testing to suicide awareness and chemical warfare training," Murray

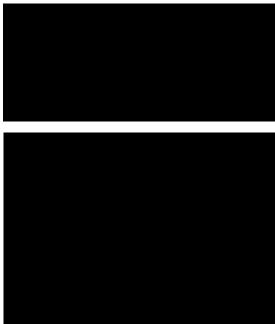
said. "We're working to establish these according to the AEF cycle, every 15 months.

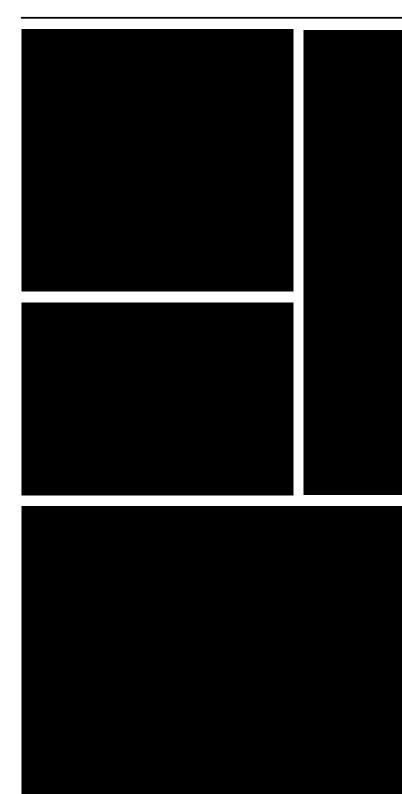
Fortunately, he said, the system is evolving into what Air Force leaders envisioned. When the service first implemented the AEF construct, about 80,000 people were assigned to deploy. Today, more than 260,000 are assigned to deployment codes. But there is still much work to do in perfecting AEF.

"We need to reduce the stresses on those airmen who

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# **Travis artists,** photographers, crafters, sought

Story and photo by Linda Mann-liames

60th Services Squadron

Art is an expression of the soul, and every creative effort is of value to someone. To honor the artist in everyone, Travis officials are schedule to hold a photo and craftsman contest and show Oct. 31. Artists of every medium are invited to enter original photographs, artwork and crafts in the competition.

We are very excited about this year's contest. All the entries will be displayed in the morning for the judges, and the community will have a chance to see the artwork and choose their own winner in the afternoon," said Caroline Ouzts Hay, the contest orga-

There are four categories for both adult and youth artists:

- >> Fine Art: Painting, drawing, sculpture, metal, clay and stone, etching and graphic designs
- >> Textile Art: Weaving, needlework, quilting, knitting and cro-
- → Industrial Art: Woodworking, wood carving, cabinetry and furniture building, plastic, fiberglass and metal works
- >> Multicrafts and Pattern Art: Home decor items, arts and crafts kids, basketry, leather tooling, ceramics or poured molds, stained glass and jewelry arts

Photographs, including monochrome print, color transparency, color print or digital photo, must be entered in one of the following categories: military life, people, scenic or nature, creative effects or computer imaging enhancement.

Information packets and entry forms are available at the Skills Development Center cashier window Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All eligible users of Services facilities are eligible to enter the competition including Department of Defense employees, military and some contractors.

All entry forms must be turned in to the SDC by 5 p.m. Oct. 29. Photos must be submitted with the entry forms, but artwork and crafts must be delivered to the Dedallion Room at the Travis Conference Center between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Oct. 31. Easels will not be provided, and entrants are required to set up their own display in their designated space.

Friends, family and art lovers are invited to view the entries from noon to 2 p.m. at the conference center. The judges will announce the results at 2 p.m. Winners at the base level in both the Photography and Artist-Craftsman contests will receive a certificate and go on to compete at the Air Mobility Command level in November.

Experienced artists and photographers are also needed to judge the contest. Interested individuals should pick up an information packet and turn in a qualification form at the Skills Development Center, 511 Suisun Ave., Bldg. 266. Call Ouzts Hay at 424-2929 for more information.



Brandon Chappell, winner of the photo/craftsman contest, poses with his painting. Artists of all ages are invited to participate in the 2002 Travis photo/craftsman contest at the Travis Conference Center Oct. 31.

# **Enter to win with Passport to Adventure**

By Linda Mann-liames

60th Services Squadron

Leisure Travel, the Air Force's answer to high-priced travel agents, offers rental cars, hotel and airplane reservations and cruises at affordable prices to military and DoD employees. To kick-off the Air Force-wide implementation of the new program, Information Tickets and Travel customers can now win valuable prizes just for visiting their local ITT office and Leisure Travel Web site.

The Passport to Adventure program will award instant, monthly and grand prizes over a six-month period beginning Oct. 15. To enter to win the

grand prizes and instant prizes, log onto www.aftravelonline.com and fill out an informational

To be eligible for the monthly prizes, participants must pick up a Passport to Adventure at the ITT office and enter their passport entry form number on the website. Each participant may only log one passport num-ber into the website each month. Each time a participant visits the website, they receive another chance at an instant prize.

The two grand prizes are a 14-day European cruise for two with Cunard Cruise Lines and a 12-day American cruise for two with Cunard Cruse Lines.

These prizes will be awarded after April 1.

Each month, from October to March, there will be two winners of two roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States that Continental Airlines flies. Additional monthly winners will receive a two-day, three-night stay for

two in AmeriSuites Hotels, Wellsley Inn or Antiqua Resorts.

A total of 232 instant prizes will be awarded, including \$100 gift certificates for Thrifty Rent-A-Car and \$25 MasterCard gift

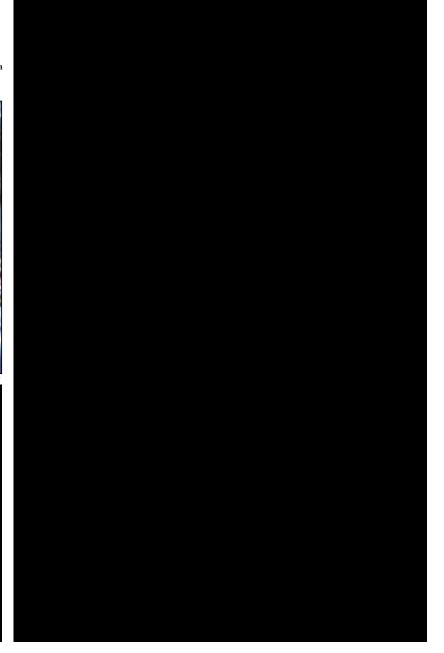
All active duty, retired, Reservist and DoD employees

and their dependents are eligible to use the services of Leisure Travel and to enter to win the Passport to Adventure prizes.

For more information, call Georgie Ellis at ITT at 424-0970 or Stephen Pierce at 60th Services Marketing and Promotions office at 424-5392.







# Air Force pilots participate in historic flight

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez Air Force Print News

NAGS HEAD, N.C. (AFPN) Two Air Force pilots, some spruce wood, a little cotton fabric and a lot of wind are helping re-create history.

Maj. Dawn  $\check{\text{D}}\text{unlop}$  and Capt. Jim Alexander were given the opportunity to fly a replica of the Wright brothers' 1902 glider Oct. 4 to 8.

Dunlop is an F-15 Eagle pilot currently assigned to the Pentagon, and Alexander is an MC-130P Combat Shadow pilot with the 9th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field,

The glider, an exact replica of Orville and Wilbur Wright's original craft, was built by the Wright Brothers Aeroplane Company, a nonprofit organization based in West Milton, Ohio. The organization is made up of aviators, historians and educators. The exhibition at Jockey's Ridge State Park, about five

miles south of Kitty Hawk, was designed to accomplish several objectives, said Louis Chmiel, one of the chief builders of the plane.

"The intent is to draw attention to important things that happened before December of 1903 and (to the fact that) this is the culmination of the years (the Wright brothers) spent working to understand flight control." Chmiel said. "When they left here in 1902 and went back to Dayton, they knew they understood control, and the next thing they were doing was to motorize it.

Since 1999, the organization has built and flown several replicas of the Wright brothers' aircraft. The group uses the same materials the brothers used to build their gliders: spruce and ash wood, tightly woven cotton fabric and a lot of handcrafted hardware.

The director of the company said the main reason for the project is a deep passion for fly-

"The simplest reason (I do this) is that I love to fly and I love to teach," said Nick Engler. "The Wright Brothers Aeroplane Company is an educational institution. We are here to tell the Wright story. That is the best way to create 'seed corn' for aviation (and) to get kids inter-

The 36-foot-long glider has no cockpit. The pilot lies down on a cross bar, exposed to the elements, and uses body movement to control the craft.

The 1902 model is significant, Engler said, because it is the first aircraft to provide three axes of control - roll, pitch and yaw — to the pilot. The pilot can control roll, tipping the wings; pitch, raising and lowering the nose; and yaw, rotating the aircraft as though it were turning left or right while still on the ground.

"This was the world's first controllable airplane," Engler said. "Everything that has flown successfully since 1902 has had roll, pitch and yaw control. This was the first machine ever to have that.

The Wright brothers' contribution to aviation and the historical significance of the reenactment of the 1902 flight was not lost on the two Air Force pilots that participated.

"When you fly out on (temporary duty), that view you see from the airplane, you take that for granted now." Dunlop said. "But the Wright brothers made that possible. They gave that to us. The military, and the Air Force, saw the value of aviation. We learned to exploit that value

Alexander agreed, noting the quick evolution of airpower over the years.

"In 1909 the Wright brothers made the first military flyer that was sold to the Army Sig-nal Corps," he said. "And you can see that we have gone from the 1909 Wright Flyer to the F-22 (Raptor) in less than 100 years. That's pretty amazing."

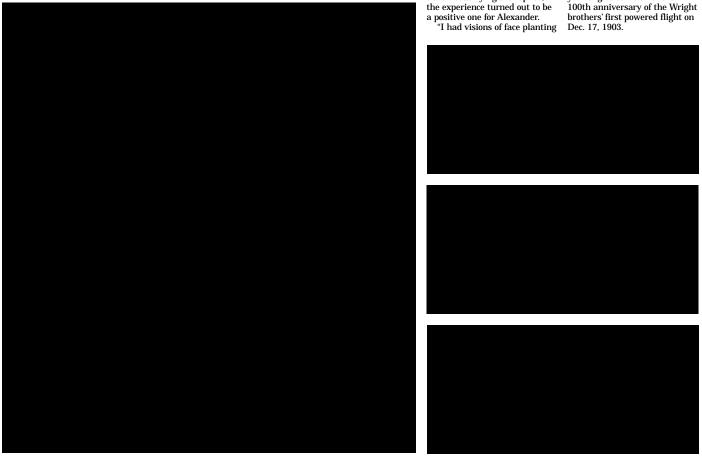
Despite some early reservations about flying the replica,

(crashing) initially, but it was also a great thrill," he said. "I couldn't believe I was actually flying it. Once the air started moving over the wings, I could tell I had (control of the glider). There was this cool feeling, the same one I get when I lift off in a C-130.

The flights in the glider were considerably shorter - both in terms of time and distance than those in the MC-130s Alexander normally flies.

"My longest flight was about 210 feet, about 400 feet short of the Wright brothers' flight in this glider. I think the highest I got was about 15 feet," Alexander said. "The sensation is pretty short lived because the flights are so short. You get the time to make one control input and see the aircraft react to it, and then you are pretty much transitioning to a landing phase.

In December, the Air Force and the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission will begin a yearlong celebration of the



## **Team Travis Senior Airman Below the Zone** selects for October through December

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**60th Dental Squadron** Earley, Garret

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**60th Mission Support Squadron** 

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# **Protecting Travis'** vernal pool ecology

By Mark DuPree

Travis housing manager

During the upcoming Northern California rainy season, typically November through March, rain water collects in naturally formed depressions in the earth. Once the depressions fill with rainwater, a variety of protected biological species come alive.

"The most noticeable is the brilliant yellow flowers known as the Contra Costa goldfields," Bob Holmes, an agronomist on Travis. Many examples of these vernal pools are near Travis or on the base. In addition to the vernal pools near the Aero Club and in local fields beyond the flight line, there are vernal pools literally in the backyard of many Castle Terrace residents.

Joe Ouellette, an Eagle Scout

candidate and son of Capt. Mary-Ellen Ouellette from the 60th Medical Group, has been educating many Castle Terrace adults and children about vernal pools for the past six months.

"Through his efforts, many residents of Castle Terrace have become a part of the effort to retain these sensitive wetlands," Holmes said.

According to Holmes, years ago, the hills of Castle Terrace were mined. The depressions left behind created the ideal host for vernal pools. The vernal pools provide a food source for birds and jackrabbits, which in turn are the means of spreading the growth of the Contra Costa goldfields and fairy shrimp.

"Castle Terrace military families are more aware and are helping to protect the vernal pools in the fields of Castle Terrace as required by the Endangered Species Act and California State law," Holmes said. "The residents are helping to watch and protect the sensitive wetlands and vernal pools for future generations.

## ATWIND sets new record

Air Mobility Command Services Marketing

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. - Air Mobility Command has wrapped up another record-breaking "Around the World in Ninety Days" promotion with the announcement of its grand prize winners who received the keys to brand sport utility vehicles

Gen. John W. Handy, commander in chief, U.S. Transportation Command and commander, AMC, presented keys to 1st Lt. Brus Vidal from the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB and Marty LeFever from McChord AFB. Wash. As ATWIND grand prize winners, each received their choice of a Ford Ranger, Escape or Focus. Both selected the

With more than 77,000 participants. ATWIND set a new record with 1.348.083 game pieces being played. Last year, ATWIND players scored a total of 721,111 game pieces.

According to Larry Krauss, deputy director of AMC Services, this recordbreaking effort was somewhat expected.

"We added several new elements to the program this year, a special military trivia quiz, an additional sweepstakes drawing, guaranteed base winners and several new graphic enhancements. We hoped these efforts would increase interest and participation in what is already considered the most successful promotion ever offered-it has done just that.

Krauss added that AMC Services increased prizes and participation. ATWIND awarded over 11,300 prizes in only 90 days.

Scott AFB came out on top of the base race competition, winning the first place prize of \$25,000. Grand Forks AFB, N.D., took second place and collected \$10,000. McGuire AFB, N.J., last year's base race winner, placed third and claimed the \$5,000 cash prize. Eight of AMC's 12 installations achieved their base race mission of improving their base-level ATWIND participation over last year by five percent. Each received a \$5,000 cash incentive award for their efforts. Base race cash awards are used to improve the quality of life at the various installations.



# Air Force reduces number of deployed security forces

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — Air Force officials have reduced the number of security forces needed at deployed locations by 10 percent, allowing more than 200 airmen to come home earlier than originally planned.

The adjustment was the result of a manpower assessment and helps reduce the operations tempo for this critically manned career field. Following the review, officials determined more than 300 additional SF positions can be reduced from future air and space expeditionary force deployments.

Technological advances and the findings of an operations review are some of the reasons behind the reductions, said Lt. Col. Troy Robinett, U.S. Central Command air forces' chief of force-protection operations. Guardsmen and

reservists currently fill about 95 percent of the reductions identified.

"We have seen many technology advancements that have replaced the need to physically have a person per-forming certain tasks," Robinett said.

The reductions, while primarily affecting Reserve forces, will affect active-duty forces in the long term. Active-duty forces would eventually have to fill the positions as the Reserve forces are demobilized, said Chief Master Sgt. Ezzard Luke, a security forces scheduler at the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

"We mobilized a lot of Guard and Reserve forces to meet the initial demand," Luke said. "Even though Reserve forces may be tasked in future rotations, the overall burden would still fall to the active force."

Many of the troops who filled these positions have already been sent home



Archive photo

The number of deployed security forces personnel, like these standing guard at Travis' Main Gate, has been reduced by 10 percent, allowing more than 200 airmen to come home earlier than originally planned.

while another large chunk of the positions were eliminated before airmen left for deployed locations.

Senior Air Force officials directed the manpower assessment as they continue to look for ways to minimize tour lengths and tour-length extensions. Officials plan reviews of other "stressed" special-

A seven-person team led by Robinett carried out the operations review. It consisted of members from CENTAF, the AEF Center, Air Combat Command, Combined Forces Air Component Commander Security Forces and the Air Force Security Forces Center.



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are being tapped for multiple deployments or are being asked to deploy for a longer period of time," Murray said.

While senior leaders work those issues at their level, individuals and units must focus on changing the mind-set of everyday operations from a homebased force to an expeditionary force, he said.

"We must expect that we are going to deploy; it's what we do," the chief said. "Everything we do should support that, from training and maintaining our wartime proficiencies to ensuring our families are pre-pared to endure our absence during a deployment.

"Once a deployment ends and a person returns home, the cycle should begin again, starting with the three R's reunite, rest and recuperate then right back into the process that ensures we are ready to deploy again when called upon.

As the AEF process evolves, he said, readiness continues to climb.

"The current force is more ready to fight than any other

time in history," he said.
"The majority of our airmen
are trained and ready because they are in the AEF and have been deployed, some to tough locations," Murray said. "These deployments have made our people mentally and physically ready to accomplish the mission. And that is one of the greatest benefits of the AEF construct."

The chief said he knows the sacrifices Air Force people and their families are making daily and encourages them to remember how important their contributions are to the war on terrorism and the mission.

"When I go out to the field, airmen tell me they're working hard, but they also tell me they're more than ready to do what is necessary," he said. "I am extremely proud of our enlisted force, and I know they will continue to meet whatever challenges the future holds."



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# **Gearing up for ECAMP at Trav**

All across Travis, environmental experts are readying for a little known, but important, "Environmental Operational Readiness Inspection" scheduled for early November.

Experts from March Air Reserve Base, Calif., and from our own base will review Travis' environmental protection efforts in the Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program Evaluation from November 4 to 7.

The inspection, dubbed ECAMP, gives Travis a chance to find flaws in its environmental programs and correct them before civilian regulatory agencies can levy fines against the base, said Tim Yuen, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, ECAMP program manager.

The team doesn't come in as a regulatory agency to fine us, but as a tool to identify those areas where we're falling short of environmental laws and regulations," he said.

Civilian agencies, charged with ensuring federal agencies protect the environment, can levy fines for violations, Yuen

said. For example, violating the proper labeling of hazardous materials can rack up fines as high as \$25,000 per day.

"A strong ECAMP can actually ward off regulators as it shows the base is leaning forward, identifying its own problems, and following up on those and closing them out," said Troy Martinson, Environmental Flight Chief.

But even more important than saving money is the environmental rules "are meant to prevent catastrophic accidents and improve our health and safety," Martinson said.

While on base, the ECAMP team will look at Travis' programs in 13 separate categories so they can make the best use of limited time while providing a good review of base programs, said Yuen. The team will focus on sever-

al major areas, including the Wing's hazardous waste accumulation sites, hazardous material storage areas, pesticide shops and solid waste accumulation areas by random inspections. At those sites, he said, the assessors will make sure the waste is being labeled, stored

properly and that operational and training logs are in proper order and up-to-date.

Additionally, inspectors will look closely at management of the Petroleum. Oils and Lubricants area.

"Every storage tank will be looked at during the ECAMP, as well as all documentation for the POL storage and transfer facilities," Yuen said.

In November 2001, the internal ECAMP team found 119 deficiencies.

"Only about four of them are still open and we're trying to close as many as possible before this coming internal ECAMP takes place," Yuen said. "Most of the findings came from poor labeling and storage of hazardous material and waste, a poor recycling effort in the work areas and a virtually non-existent hazardous communication program."

Some offices feel they're not eligible for an ECAMP inspection, especially those who don't routinely handle hazardous materials, but they're wrong, Martinson said.

The assessors may visit any organization on Travis. Martin-

son said. That includes active duty, Reserve, Navy, AAFES other tenant units and especially contractors doing work on the hase

In every building and shop, Yuen explained, the inspectors can come in and start looking around. It's common for them to look into any storage area, locker, crawl space or even under

"Many people keep things in those locations for a 'rainy day' when it would be needed in a hurry, but that's the wrong way to handle any hazardous material," he said.

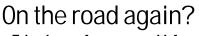
Under sinks, Yuen said, is where many common household products can be found, such as aerosols, batteries, lve and paints. If a shop or office has any of these items in a locker or sink area, they need to properly store them in a flammable or hazardous material locker or dispose of them properly.

The assessors will be digging through garbage dumpsters and the brown recycling bins on base to find improper disposal of hazardous materials and to measure a unit's recv cling program", Martinson said.

Currently, Travis is not meet-ing our 2002 Air Mobility Command Solid Waste Diversion goal of 34 percent. The bases' diversion rate is 30 percent. Recycling diverts solid waste, garbage, from the landfill. This means offices and shops need to re-energize their recycling efforts. It is mandatory to recycle all paper products, especially cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles and glass. The more Travis recycles, the higher the diversion rate. For more information, check the website: http://w3.travis.af.mil/recycle/.

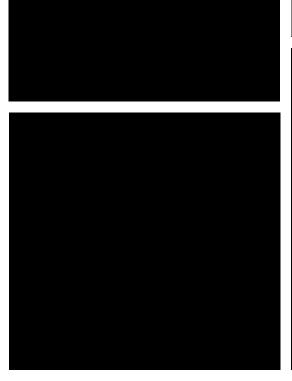
From previous ECAMP reports, roughly 80 percent of the deficiencies can be resolved with "simple fixes" and with training, Martinson said.

Yuen said shops should begin preparing for the inspection by reviewing checklists available at the environmental flight office, 60th CES/CEVC, at Building 246. The checklists are divided into the major areas that will be inspected and detail everything that could lead to a major finding. The checklists also give methods of solving some basic environmental problems.



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# **Getting a 'Pepper Belly'ful of laughs**

Tailwind staff

He's opened or headlined in more than 15 different comedy clubs up and down the East Coast and has appeared in showcases at Laughs Unlimited in Sacramento, so when Wayne Mayhew decided to open a comedy club in Fairfield. Michael T. Moseley was thrilled.
"It's exciting to have a comedy club right here

in Fairfield," Moseley said. "I think it's one of the greatest things to happen to this area.

Moseley, whose professional name is Spirit-Walker, his Apache name, has worked at Travis for two and a half years, serving as the Daily Republic's liaison to the Tailwind.

A former Air Force survival instructor, Moseley is currently tasked with the layout and design of the base newspaper, but that's not his only love.

As SpiritWalker, Moseley has written a novel, "Desert Rain," presently available in bookstores as well as a musical comedy ready to open in Benicia Oct. 18.

"I like to keep busy," he said. "I'm a writer and a writer has to write.

Writing comedy has also been a long-time love and when Mayhew asked him to open the Saturday show at Pepper Belly's Comedy and Variety

Theater, Moseley was pumped.
"I was the first local comedian to step on the Pepper Belly stage," Moseley said. "It was a great honor for me.

Moseley opened for two nationally recognized comedians -– Bryan Kellen and John Bizzarre.

"Wayne Mayhew has gone to great pains to bring quality comedy talent to Fairfield," Moseley said. "I think it's very important that we patronize his club."

While stationed at Altus AFB, Okla., in the 1980s, Moseley founded a theatrical group known as the Ritz Players as well as the Random Acts of Theater improvisational troupe. He was also very active in the Air Force entertainment compe-

"Back then you had to win at base level and then command level before moving on to the world-wide level to be considered for Tops In Blue," Moseley said. "Every year, I competed in two categories." Moseley went on to win a dozen first place "Rogers" and seven second place

"Today when I step on the stage, I think back to the great times I had performing in the Air



Pepper Belly's Comedy and Variety Theater is located in the Cinema One Theater on W. Texas Street in

Force talent shows," Moseley said.

"We recognize the importance of having Travis Air Force Base close by," Mayhew said. "We'd love to reach out to them and have them frequent our club.

The Pepper Belly menu even contains an item named for the base — The Team Travis Red, White and Blue.

"I had a great time at Pepper Belly's," said Capt. Kim Ğarbett, a 60th Âir Mobility Wing Public Affairs officer, who attended the very first weekend of the club's opening, which featured Jimmy Burns, Joan Fagan and Henry Cho.

Beginning in November, Mayhew plans to hold open mic nights on Wednesdays.

"We're hoping some of the airmen from Travis will come out," Mayhew said.

Because Mayhew prides himself on having quality entertainment, he has a definite structure in mind for the amateur night comedians. Each comic will have to have a printed copy of his or her routine. Once on stage, comics will get three minutes for their first set.

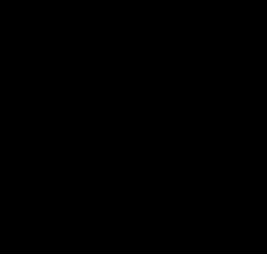
"If it's a solid three minutes — I'm talking funny — we'll invite them back," Mayhew said.

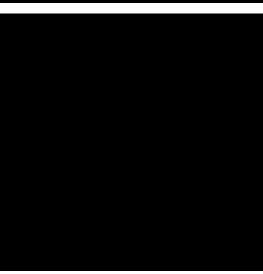
If a comedian is invited back, he or she will get an additional three minutes. Though these rules are not set in stone, Mayhew is taking great pains to make sure that the amateur showcase is up to Pepper Belly's standards. He also plans to hand select a dozen or so house emcees to open for the major talent he intends to bring in for the

For more information on open mic nights or to reserve tickets for future shows, call 422-SHOW.









(From left to right), Joan Fagan, Jimmy Burns and Henry Cho. were the first comedians to appear at the newly-opened Pepper Belly's Comedy and Variety Theater in Fairfield. In November, the club plans to have open mic nights on Wednesdays.

## <u>Announcements</u>

### **Birth announcement**

Staff Sgt. David Dotson and his wife Jacquie are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ashlev Jane, born Sept. 23 at 10:03 p.m. at David Grant Medical Center.

#### SDC contest

The annual craftsman and photo contest will be held at Travis Oct. 31. All entry forms must be submitted by Oct. 29 to the Skills Development Center. Call 424-2929 or stop by the SDC, Bldg. 226, for more information or to volunteer to be a

## Membership drive

The Air Force Clubs Membership Drive is on offering extra incentives, including coupons and prize drawings for DoD civilians, active duty, reservists and retired military who join the Delta Breeze Club before December 20. Call the DBC at 437-3711 for more information.

## Services

## **Today**

▲ Sign up for the Outdoor Adventure Program's upcoming trips including mountain biking in the Sierra Nevada and kayaking Tomales Bay Oct. 19. Both trips require planning meetings. Call 424-5240 for more information.

## Saturday

- ▲ There is a flea market in the Teen Zone parking lot in the mini mall sponsored by the Child Development centers. All proceeds benefit the Teen Zone. Call 424-3131 for details.
- ▲ Go horseback riding with Outdoor Recreation. Transportation is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Bring a picnic lunch and call 424-0970 for details

## Monday

- ▲ There is no Monday Night Football tonight. The Delta Breeze Club is closed for Columbus Day.
- ▲ Military members are invited to a special Columbus Day meal at the Sierra Inn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Tuesday

- ▲ The Officers' Advisory Council meets at 4 p.m. at the DBC
- ▲ Story Time at Mitchell Memorial Library features stories about autumn from 9:30 to 10 a.m., craft projects follow the stories. Call 424-3279 for

details or to volunteer as a guest reader.

#### Wednesday

- ▲ It's the last day to sign up for the youth photography contest on Oct. 18. Call the Youth Center at 424-5392 for more information.
- ▲ Employees are encouraged to bring their bosses to lunch at the DBC's oriental buffet and get \$4 off the boss's meal for Bosses Day.
- ▲ The Parent Advisory Board meeting is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the DBC.

## <u>Family Support</u>

## Wednesday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the Family Support Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-

## **Thursday**

- ▲ The Resume Writing Skills class is from 8 a.m. to noon. Learn to write effective resume formats, cover letters and marketing plans. Individual resume review sessions are available by appointment.
- ▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.
- ▲ The Insurance Fundamentals workshop is at the FSC from 9 to 11 a.m. Call 424-2486
- ▲ Sponsorship training is from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

## Weekly

- ▲ Infant car seats are on loan from the FSC for newborns and children up to 40 pounds. Parents who are PCSing in or out and those on medical orders must provide a copy of their orders. For specifics, call 424-2486
- ▲ Check listings posted at the FSC for job vacancies from agencies in the local area and nationwide; for state, county and city government jobs; and for some federal government positions. In addition, Internet access vacancy listings are also available. For more details, call 424-2486.
- ▲ Get the free loan of household items such as cookware. high chairs, cribs, futons and small appliances from the FSC if you are relocating and your household goods are in transit. All loans require a copy of PCS orders before the loan can be made. If PCS orders are not available, only the active or retired member may process the loan. Unique situations will be handled on a case-by-case



Going up: Repelling instructor, Senior Airman Jonas McVey of the 60th Command Squadron (right) instructs David Pieterse, 13, on how to tie his safety rope properly while Ed Pieterse prepares his own rope for climbing Outdoor Recreation's climbing wall. Free belay classes are offered every Wednesday night with advance registration. Call 424-5240 for details.

basis. For more information call 424-2486.

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## Family Advocacy

## Dads' boot camp

The Boot Camp for Dads is a program in which veterans (new fathers) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only and is currently recruiting for new fathers-to-be. This three-hour workshop is held the second Friday of every month. For more information. please call 423-5168

## **Parenting class**

The parenting class is a program for parents of children three and older. Topics include peer pressure, corrective teaching, preventing problems before they occur, family meetings and stopping problem behavior. Classes are held at David Grant Medical Center for six weeks. Call the Family Advocacy office to register at 423-5168.

## Parent support

The New Parent Support

Program is for parents with a children up to 3 years of age. The NPSP offers support, referral services, education and information on a variety of subjects, such as: pregnancy, childbirth, fatherhood, newborn care, mother/baby care, growth and development, playgroups, breast/bottle feeding, nursing mom's, parenting and more. For more information, call 423-

## **Playgroups**

Playgroups are for parents and their children and are held at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The Toddlers Play-group is held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children 18 months to 3 years. Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is the Time For Us Playgroup for children 3 to 5. Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. is the Rattles To Raspberries Playgroup for infants up to 18 months old. The children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. Call 423-5168.

## <u>Chapel</u>

## Catholic services

- ▲ Monday through Friday. 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.
- ▲ Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, DGMC
  - ▲ Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m.,

confessions, Chapel One.

- ▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.
- ▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.
- ▲ Sunday, 9 a.m, children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel
- ▲ Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

## **Protestant services**

- ▲ Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service. DGMC Chapel.
- ▲ Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise and worship service, Chapel Center.
- ▲ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.
- ▲ Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

## Contemporary

Sundays, 5 p.m., Inside Out, Chapel Center. Children's program provided. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Herb Shao at 424-3943.

## Wicca classes

Classes are held at various locations and times due to deployments. E-mail Beltane@ prodigy.net for current informa-

## Prayer meeting

The Protestant Women of the Chaple meet for prayer Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon in Chapel One.

# vis officers unite for mentorship

By 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo 60th AMW Public Affairs

The Travis Company Grade Officers Council hopes to kick off fiscal 2003 with a flurry of activities aimed at increasing membership and influence across the base.

"We want CGOs to know this is their organization and serve them as best we can," said Capt. Dan Bucsko, Travis CGOC president. "Our goals are to gain fellowship and to get to know other CGOs. We have a lot of informational-sharing activities.

The Travis CGOC meets weekly. Informal lunches are planned every Wednesday at different locations on and off base. The next luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Cypress Lakes Golf Course. They also host briefings for professional development. For example, Capt. Bill Malloy, Travis CGOC chairman of Fisher House projects, is leading a presentation called, "Maximizing Your Squadron Officer School Experience" at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Delta Breeze Club. The presentation will be immediately followed by Karaoke Night.

Enhancing the image of company grade officers though leadership excellence is the mission of the group. One way the Travis CGOC works toward this mission statement is by taking on several community service projects. They provide a potluck dinner to the Fisher House every fourth Monday of the month. Additionally, they are participating in the Sacramento Valley AIDS Walk this Sunday, and Sept. 27 they are sending representatives to Fair-field High School to mentor students about careers in the Air Force. Another mentorship day is scheduled at Vanden High School Oct. 7. These are just a few examples of the broad

range of projects the Travis CGOC sponsors.

"These projects are opportunities for community and base

involvement. We look forward to more and more CGOs becoming members," Bucsko said. For a complete calendar of

events and more information, visit http://w3.travis.af.mil/cgoc/ or contact members of the CGOC executive board.

## Travis celebrates National Physical Therapy Month

By 1st Lt. Diane Santos 60th Surgical Operations Squadron

October is National Physical Therapy Month. Physical therapy is a profession dedicated to providing services to people with physical dysfunctions. The American Physical Therapy association has selected "Connect With Physical Therapy" as the theme for National Physical Therapy Month 2002. This theme reflects their goal of educating the community about how they can improve their lives by connecting with physical therapy

The profession of physical therapy includes a broad array of services. The spectrum of practice includes the fields of sports medicine, orthopedics, neurology, pediatrics, geriatrics and women's issues. Work settings include hospitals, outpatient clinics, private practices, school systems and sports programs. Physical therapists assess joint motion, muscle strength and endurance and performance of activities of daily living, among other responsibilities. Treatment includes therapeutic exercises, modalities (to reduce pain and improve mobility), cardiovascular endurance training and training in activities of daily living.

In the military setting, PTs ensure operational readiness and quality of life to the fighting force and eligible beneficiaries by providing cost-effective PT care, through prevention, health promotion, education and research.

"We're highly flexible and willing to meet demands within patient access. We come from a variety of different disciplines all focused on returning our patients to function," said Capt. Catherine Moriarty, a staff physical therapist at DGMC.

Six physical therapists and ten physical therapy technicians form our staff. The staff is involved in volunteer activities for the military and Solano County community - we have a proactive attitude towards service. The physical therapy staff is constantly finding ways to improve their clinical skills through continuing education, literature review and on-the-job training.

The DGMC physical therapy clinic provides excellent programs to TRICARE beneficiaries. Our clinic, though, is primarily a referral clinic, which means patients must first be screened by their Primary Care Manager for a referral. We also offer educational services to include Back School, Diabetes and Exercise Class, New Mother Baby Class, and an ACL Clinic. For more information, call the clinic at 423-7899 or your primary care manager for a referral.



# **TRICARE** Prime beneficiaries may receive reimbusement benefits

Tailwind staff

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, other than active duty members, enrolled at the David Grant Medical Center may be eligible for travel expense reimbursement for themselves and one non-medical attendant accompanying them when they

are referred for non-emergency. medically necessary specialty treatment more than 100 miles from the David Grant Medical Center.

To qualify for reimbursement for their travel expenses, nonactive duty TRICÂRE Prime members - active duty family members, retirees, retiree families and others — must have travel orders authorizing travel, according to officials.

Patients may be reimbursed for actual travel expenses, up to the government rate, to include fuel, oil, highway, bridge and tunnel tolls, and parking fees Reimbursement of actual expenses is also authorized within government limits, for other expenses related to travel, such as lodging and the cost of meals

Travel orders are prepared by a patient travel representative at the David Grant Medical Center where the Prime patient is enrolled, or by a regional lead agent representative, if the beneficiary's primary care manager is a civilian network provider.

Beneficiaries will need to fill out and submit a travel voucher upon completing their travel, in order to be reimbursed for their expenses," officials said.

Travel orders and reimbursement may also be authorized for one non-medical attendant to accompany a non-active duty TRICARE Prime patient referred for such medically necessary specialty care. The trayeling Prime patient's primary care manager must determine that a non-medical attendant is

necessary and appropriate.

The non-medical attendant must be a parent or guardian of the patient, or another adult member of the patient's family who is at least 21 years old. The non-medical attendant is not required to be enrolled in TRI-CÂRE Prime or be eligible for TRICARE

If the non-medical attendant is an active duty member or a Department of Defense civilian employee, he or she is entitled to temporary duty allowances. not actual expenses. If the nonmedical attendant is a civilian not employed or affiliated with the Department of Defense, he or she is authorized reimbursement of actual expenses up to the government rate.

TRICARE Prime travel reimbursement is retroactive to Oct. 30, 2000. Non-medical attendant travel reimbursement is retroactive to Dec. 28, 2001.

For more information, nonactive duty TRICARE Prime members can call the David Grant Medical Center patient travel representative or the beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator at 423-7921. Prime members enrolled with a civilian provider can call their regional lead agent patient travel representative or BCAC. Telephone numbers and addresses for BCACs are available on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.

## Full tuition assistance available

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - Beginning Oct. 1, Air Force people can now take advantage of a new Department of Defense tuition assistance policy that pays 100 percent of the cost of tuition for offduty courses, according to Air Force education officials.

The policy pays tuition costs and mandatory fees for up to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, or \$750 per three-hour course," said Jim Sweizer, chief of the Air Force voluntary education branch at the Pentagon.

The policy also includes a \$4,500-per-year tuition assistance

"In the past, we only paid instructional fees, such as a lab fee for science courses," Sweizer said. "Under the new policy, as long as the total cost falls under the authorized total, the student doesn't have to pay any money out of (his or her) pocket."

Tuition assistance still cannot be used to pay for textbooks unless they are included in an academic institution's published tuition rates, he said.

Sweizer is concerned that with 100-percent tuition assistance available to airmen, some people may opt to waive contributing to the Montgomery GI Bill. He encourages airmen to take advantage  ${\sf C}$ of the GI Bill's benefits.

"Not everyone will be able to complete his or her education while on active duty," he said. "Having the MGIB as an alternative for later use is a wise investment."

For more information and to learn how to take advantage of educational opportunities at Travis, call 424-3444.

## Support of military inspires golf with GI Day

**60th Services Squadron** 

Fairfield area residents have always been grateful for the jobs and business Travis Air Force Base brings to Solano County, but since the war on terrorism began the gratitude has changed focus. Now many business owners and county residents are thankful for the men and women in the military who put their lives on the line to protect America's freedoms.

To give civilians the chance to get to know an airman face-to-face, Cypress Lakes Golf Course will hold the first Golf with a GI Day on Oct. 21 at 12:30 p.m. Check in starts at 10 a.m. Advance registration is required. Call (707) 424-3474.

Area golfers can hit this par 72 course with airmen from Travis in 30, four-person teams that will consist of two civilian guest golfers and two active duty golfers.

The tournament fee for civilian golfers is \$55. Active duty golfers pay only \$35 thanks to fees being underwritten by AC Satellite of Fairfield. The tournament fee covers green fees, cart rental,

snack coupon and a chicken and ribs dinner following the tournament. All participants will walk away with momentos of the occasion.

A few golfers will walk away with major prizes, including:

- ➤ Each member of the best overall team receives a DVD player provided by AC Satellite of Fairfield.
- ➤ Most accurate drive on hole No. 10 earns a home theater system provided by AC Satellite of Fairfield
- ➤ Four closest to the pin contests on holes No. 3, No. 8, No. 11 and No. 14 earn \$75 gift certificates provided by Ron DuPratt Ford in Dixon.
- ➤ The golfer who sinks a hole-in-one on the 8th hole receives a two-year lease on a new vehicle from Ron DuPratt Ford in Dixon.
- ➤ Additional prizes provided by other sponsors, including the Snapple Beverage Group. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

For more information or to sign up for the tournament, call the 60th Services Squadron marketing and publicity office at 424-3474.



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Active duty military and civilian guests can win valuable prizes for specified shots in the Golf with a Gl Day tournament Oct. 21 at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. The program was inspired as a way for airman and the civilians who support them to get to know each other.

## Charleston NCO selected for Armed Forces Volleyball Team

By Eddie Goad 437th Services Squadron

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — Robert Caldwell, 437th Services Squadron Readiness Training Flight, has been selected to the 2002 U.S. Armed Forces Volleyball Team and is part of a 12-man team to represent the United States during international competition Sept. 20-Oct. 2 in Romania's port city of Constants

Caldwell, a Charleston native and four-time All-Air Force Volleyball player, was a member of this year's Air Force team that captured the gold medal during August's Armed Forces Tournament in Millington, Tenn.

Caldwell was chosen as one of the 12 finest players in the U.S. Armed Forces with his new team now slotted for further competition against the best of the world's military players in the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Tournament in Romania.

The 6-foot-6-inch staff sergeant expressed surprise when he was named to the team.

"During the Armed Forces tournament, the Air Force was clearly the strongest, and all twelve of our players played well, and were interchangeable, and that's why we won," said Caldwell. "The other services also had really good players, so when I was named to the Armed Forces team, I was shocked, but proud."

Sharla Alexander, Air Force Service representative, Pope AFB, N.C., and one of the four voting members from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines who are responsible for selecting the Armed Forces team said Caldwell was a quality player.

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"Bobby (Caldwell) played well," Alexander said. "He impressed the other service reps with both his play and attitude, and earned a spot on the team."

Among the expected volleyball heavyweights to compete by the Black Sea are China, Italy and Germany.

"Some of their players are national team members and even Olympians," said Caldwell. "China's starting front line is supposed to average about 6 feet 8 inches (tall), and Germany has some 7-

"I have an enormous opportunity here to represent this country, my service, my base and my squadron, and not many are given such a chance," Caldwell continued. "I am honored and grateful for this."



Got an interesting sports story or competition coming up? Call the Tailwind at 424-2011.



Falcon fever: Air Force quarterback Chance Harridge, No. 11, rushes for one of his four touchdowns against Navy during the Oct. 5 interservice match-up. After a shaky first quarter, the Falcons never looked back as they sank the midshipmen 48-7.